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Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops of the Asia-Pacific Region,

I address this letter to you out of deep concern for the suffering faithfuls in East Timor, and to ask your support for their courageous spiritual leader, Bishop Carlos Filipe X. Belo. East Timor has been isolated from the rest of the world since 1975 when the land was invaded by Indonesian troops. Ignored by the world, the people have been subjected to every kind of brutality in the intervening years, and tens of thousands have been killed. The voice of the East Timorese Church has, however, from time to time reached us and called on us to share the suffering of the people who have been decimated, uprooted and forced to submit to alien rule.

Although the catholics in East Timor were a minority of the population before the invasion, now over 90% of the people embrace the Catholic Faith. The reason is simple: the church has stood beside the people in their suffering and has understood the longing of the people to live in peace, freedom and dignity.

Recently an important letter by Bishop Belo was brought to my attention. The letter was addressed to the United Nations Secretary General, Dr. Javier Perez de Cuellar. (a copy is enclosed) As the religious leader of the people, as one of the people, the Bishop makes a simple and dignified appeal to the head of the United Nations to allow, in the form of a referendum, the people of East Timor to exercise their right to choose their own fate. Concerned parties on the international level have noted the importance of this letter as being the most explicit expression to date of the position of the East Timorese Church.

It is my humble opinion that by giving this letter our support we can, in however small a way, stand beside our brothers and sisters in East Timor in their appeal for peace and justice. Indeed, as leaders of the church in the Asia-Pacific region, I humbly believe, that we have a special responsibility to offer our voices for the church and people of East Timor.

Motivated by these considerations, I am preparing to attend the United Nations Decolonization Committee hearing on East Timor at the UN headquarters this august. My purpose will be to give full support to BishopBelo's appeal to the United Nations to allow the East Timorese to exercise their right of self-determination. At the same time, I would like to present to Secretary General Dr. Perez de Cuellar a letter of support for Bishop Belo, from the bishops of the Asia-Pacific region in particular.
I would like to ask you to read Bishop Belo's letter and to sign the letter of support(enclosed).

May I ask you to do this at your earliest convenience and to return the signed letter to me so that I have it no later than the end of July.

Finally I ask your prayers for the faithful of East Timor

Fraternally yours,

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President of Japanese Catholic Council
for Justice & Pe

Letter to Secretary General Dr. Perez de Cuellar

Dear Sir,

Recently, a letter addressed to Your Excellency by the Bishop of East Timor, Carlos Filipe X. Belo, has been brought to my attention. In the letter Bishop Belo appeals to Your Excellency to have the United Nations conduct a referendum in East Timor to enable the East Timorese people to freely decide their future.

The Catholic Church in East Timor, under it's former leader, Msg. da Costa Lopes, and its present leader, Bishop Belo, has consistently stood by the people in their suffering and shared their aspiration to one day live in freedom and dignity. Bishop Belo's appeal should be seen, not as being motivated by personal or sectarian interests, but as embodying the wishes of the people as a whole.

I fully support Bishop Belo and add my voice to his in urging you to do everything in your power to realize a referendum in East Timor that will allow the Timorese people to freely choose their own fate.

Respectfully yours,

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= cardinal
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Fr = priest
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+ given ler-secretary in de cuellar's absence

	C	AB	B	Total	Fr.	Br.	Sr.	Lp	Total	Grand Tot
AUSTLAUA	1	1	3	5	22	2	54	8	86	91
PHILIPPINES		4	10	14			5		5	19
PAPUA NEW GUINEA		3	6	9	5	1	197	17	220	229
NEW ZEALAND	1		1	2	1				1	3
TAHITI			1	1					0	1
A. SAMOA			1	1					0	1
W. SAMOA	1			1					0	1
SOLOMON ISL		1	1	2					0	2
SOUTH PACIFIC			1	1					0	1
FIJI		1		1					0	1
COOK ISL.			1	1					0	1
OCEANIA				(38)					(312)	(350)
INDIA	1	13	27	41	3	1	2		6	47
MYANMER		1	1	2					0	2
MALLYSIA		1	2	3					0	3
THAILAND			2	2					0	2
BANGLADESH			1	1		1	2		3	4
HONG KONG				0			15		15	15
TAIWAN		1	3	4			29		29	33
KOREA		1	5	6			321		321	327
JAPAN		2	9	11	32	2	121	117	272	283
ASIA				(70)					(646)	(716)

	C	AB	B	Total	Fr.	Br.	Sr.	Lp	Total	G. Tot
WEST INDIES		1		1					0	1
CZECO.	1			1					0	1
EAST AFRICA			1	1					0	1
ZAMBIA		1		1					0	1
SWISS				0	1				1	1
U.S.A.				0	1				1	1
FRANCE				0	1				1	1
PANAMA				0				6	6	6
CANADA				0			1		1	1
SOUTH AFRICA		1		1					0	1
IRELAND			1	1					0	1
NEW ZEALAND				0	1				1	1
SPAIN				0	1				1	1
CHILE				0	1				1	1
PAX CHRISTI				0				159	159	159
NORTH IRL.				0				1	1	1
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